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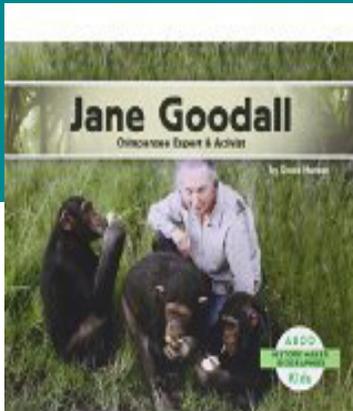
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Jane Goodall first went to Africa in 1956; this was the beginning of a lifetime of dedication to saving the amazing chimpanzees she found there. Jane graduated from high school in England in 1952 but did not have money to go to college. When friends invited her to join them in Africa in 1956, she happily went along. In 1957 Jane received an offer to study chimps in Tanzania and began observing chimps using tools. After seventeen years of study, Jane founded the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation in an effort to protect the chimpanzees she grew to love. Today, Jane travels most of the year, speaking, and working to make the world a safer place for primates.

The book Jane Goodall contains very basic information about the life and work of conservationist Jane Goodall. This book is a good introductory biography for young readers; it includes a timeline, glossary, and index to help young readers learn to navigate biographies. Although the book contains some important information about her life, it lacks the detail that explains why Jane Goodall is an important person in conservation. The book describes how Jane got to Africa studying chimpanzees but fails to explain how she went from studying chimpanzees to founding her institute. It also does not explain the purpose of her institute. The book could be used with other biographies of Jane Goodall to create a complete picture of how Jane Goodall has made the world a better place.